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LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-7(Cancelled).

8 (Currently Amended) A sealing element seal, comprising:

a sealing element of an elastomer material, ~~containing~~ having spaced-apart sealing profiles, between which, at given intervals, de-coupling elements that provide acoustic de-coupling, also made of elastomer material, are located; said de-coupling elements having a generally hemi-spherical crown and wherein the height of the de-coupling elements is approximately 30% to 50% of the height of the sealing profiles.

9 (Currently Amended) The sealing element as in claim 8, characterized in that said sealing element also ~~contains~~ includes a support element.

10 (Previously Presented) The sealing element as in claim 9, characterized in that the support element is a metal.

11 (Previously Presented) The sealing element as in claim 8, characterized in that said sealing element is a flat seal.

12 (Previously Presented) The sealing element as in claim 10, characterized in that said sealing element is a flat seal.

13 (Cancelled)

14 (Previously Presented) The sealing element of claim 8, characterized in that the de-coupling elements extend to the sealing profiles with a pre-determinable side clearance.

15 (Cancelled)

16 (Previously Presented) The sealing element as in claim 8, characterized in that the de-coupling elements occupy more than 50%, of the area between the sealing profiles.

17 (Previously Presented) The sealing element as in claim 14, characterized in that the de-coupling elements occupy more than 50% of the area between the sealing profiles.

18 (Cancelled)

19 (Cancelled)

20 (Currently Amended) The sealing element as in claim 8, ~~containing~~ several including a plurality of pass-through holes, characterized in that the de-coupling elements are provided in pre-determinable segments between the pass-through holes.

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